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SUBJECT: TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN JOURNALISTS

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1. SINCE SOVIETS INFORMED EMBASSY OF NEW TRAVEL REGULATIONS FOR JOURNALISTS BY NON-PAPER, EMBASSY SUGGESTS SAME PROCEDURE FOR RESPONSE, STATING OUR INTENTION TO RECIPROCATE.

2. FURTHER, WE CONCUR PARA 4, REF B, AND WILL ADVISE MFA PRESS DEPT INFORMALLY THAT RECIPROCITY WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

3. IN OUR VIEW, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO RAISE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR ALL TRAVELLERS (INCLUDING BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO JOURNALISTS) IN CONTEXT
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OF NEW APPROACH TO MFA ON CSCE (PARA 5, STATE 006150) AND

WE WILL BE SO RECOMMENDING IN OUR SUGGESTIONS COVERING
SUBSTANCE OF APPROACH. SINCE BROAD CONTEXT IS
LIKELY TO BE MORE CONDUCTIVE TO FORWARD MOVEMENT, WE WOULD
PROPOSE (A) TO DELETE SECOND SENTENCE OF SECOND PARA OF
PRESENTATION ON JOURNALISTS AND (B) TO RETURN TO ISSUE OF
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR JOURNALISTS ALONE AFTER CSCE APPROACH
HAS LAID GROUNDWORK FOR DISCUSSION.

4. ACCORDINGLY WE SUGGEST P&C COUNSELOR BE AUTHORIZED MAKE
ORAL PRESENTATION AND LEAVE NON-PAPER WITH TEXT PER
PARA 2, STATE 006150, AS REVISED PER PARA 3 ABOVE, IN EARLY
FEBRUARY. IN COURSE OF PRESENTATION, HE COULD MAKE APPROPRIATE
REFERENCE (WHICH WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN NON-PAPER)
TO OUR DESIRE TO DISCUSS MUTUAL REDUCTION OF RESTRICTIONS
ON ALL TRAVELLERS INCLUDING JOURNALISTS, IN LIGHT OF CSCE
FINAL ACT.
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